away many people. The difficulty for drinking water is great. Sanitary improvements to the town are very necessary. Pray that with the object of improving the town the Government may come to the aid of the people by arranging to get suitable proposals made, either by the municipality, or with the help of other departments, and sanctioning the funds required therefor.

(*b*) Pray that for the above purpose Rs. 30,000 may kindly be sanctioned by Government.

(*c*) Hassan town requires much improvement to regain its lost reputation. The opening out of the congested parts, demolishing ill-built and low-built houses, clearing noxious vegetation overgrown within the municipal limits, dismantling the unserviceable drains and building *pukka* ones in their-stead at proper level, keeping the roads in order and supplying good drinking water to the town, are the chief improvements required. The present municipal income of the town is hardly sufficient to maintain the establishment and to keep up the existing municipal roads and buildings. In order to effect the improvements suggested above the inspection of the town by an expert officer, *e.g.*, a Sanitary Engineering Officer, and his opinion as to the mode of improvement of sanitation, and the appointment of a separate officer for executing the works of improvement decided upon, are necessary at the minimum cost of Rs. 10,000—exclusive of the cost of water-supply. As stated above, the municipality is not able to meet the cost of any of the above works. The Municipal Councillors are not trained in the technical sanitary matters. Any suggestion made in the Municipal Council is of no avail, for the municipality has no officer of advanced technical knowledge for such purposes. Government is therefore prayed to direct an officer of the Sanitary Engineering Department to do the needful and appoint an officer of skill and ability to execute the improvements and to sanction the cost thereof and then direct the municipality to maintain the town. Thus a lasting boon on the residents of Hassan town may be conferred.

Reply of Government.—If a suitable scheme is sent up, Government will favourably consider the question of financial help.

SUBJECT NO. 442.

A bridge across the Hemavati near Gorur.

Messrs. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan taluk, N. D. Narnappa, Hassan Municipality; Suryanaranappa, Suryanarayana Chetty and Malla Chetty, Arkalgud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The subject of the construction of a bridge across the Hemavati river near Gorur is being brought forward year after year. It is learnt that the Public Works Department have surveyed this spot and estimates are stated to be ready. Early sanction may be accorded to put the work in hand.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.